

## House Resolution 25 - Introduced

### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

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1 A Resolution inviting the people of Yamanashi  
2 Prefecture, Japan, to be the guests of the State of  
3 Iowa at the rededication of the Japanese Bell of  
4 Peace and Friendship.

5 WHEREAS, the people of Yamanashi Prefecture in 1959  
6 suffered two devastating typhoons that destroyed their  
7 livestock industry; and

8 WHEREAS, the people of Iowa, under the leadership of  
9 Iowa native Master Sergeant Richard Thomas, the Iowa  
10 Corn Growers Association, the United States Department  
11 of Agriculture, and the United States Department  
12 of Defense, donated resources, sending 36 lean meat  
13 breeding hogs and 60,000 bushels of corn for feed to  
14 that area of Japan; and

15 WHEREAS, the people of Yamanashi Prefecture  
16 responded in kind during Iowa's flood disaster of 1993,  
17 when the Governor of Yamanashi Prefecture presented a  
18 generous gift of monetary assistance for flood relief  
19 to the farmers of Iowa; and

20 WHEREAS, the people of Yamanashi Prefecture in 1961  
21 presented a beautiful bronze temple bell and bell  
22 house to the people of Iowa as an expression of their  
23 gratitude to all Iowans for having reached out to them  
24 in their time of great need; and

25 WHEREAS, the bell and bell house were installed on  
26 the south Capitol grounds in Des Moines, Iowa, with  
27 great ceremony in recognition of the great respect,

28 mutual understanding, and friendship between these two  
1 states; and

2 WHEREAS, having graced the Statehouse grounds for  
3 half a century, a major effort is underway to restore  
4 the Japanese bell site to its original condition, aided  
5 by an Iowa public/private fund-raising effort; and

6 WHEREAS, officials of Iowa and Yamanashi Prefecture  
7 have expressed the wish to recognize the 50th  
8 anniversary of that occasion in 2011 by rededicating  
9 the bell and bell house to that continuing friendship  
10 and sister state relationship; NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
12 the House of Representatives extends its invitation to  
13 the Governor of Yamanashi Prefecture and the Chairman  
14 of the Yamanashi Prefectural Assembly, to visit our  
15 Capitol grounds during the time of the Iowa State Fair  
16 in August 2011; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of  
18 Representatives does hereby proclaim the 50th  
19 anniversary of the Iowa-Yamanashi sister state  
20 relationship and asks all Iowans to extend to our  
21 visitors every courtesy and accommodation as befits the  
22 rededication of the Japanese temple bell and bell house  
23 as a symbol of the bond of unfailing friendship between  
24 our peoples; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the sound of the bell  
26 shall deepen the connection between both peoples and  
27 continue to stand as a symbol of eternal peace between  
28 our countries.